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SUBJECT: DPC MEETING, 21 MAY 74, AGENDA ITEM II: INFRASTRUCTURE

CEILING AND COST SHARING FOR SLICES XXVI-XXX (1975-79)

REFS: A. DPC/D(74)8

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1. CHAIRMAN (PANSA) SUGGESTED THAT ITEM SHOULD BE DEFERRED PENDING RESULTS OF OTHER DISCUSSION TAKING PLACE OUTSIDE OF THE COMMITTEE. US (MCAULIFFE) INDICATED US APPRECIATION FOR ACTION OF THOSE ALLIES WHO WERE ENDEAVORING TO AGREE TO AN INFRASTRUCTURE CEILING THAT MIGHT BE FOUND ACCEPTABLE. HE REITERATED US POSITION THAT ALLIES APPROVE A 5-YEAR INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM WHICH WOULD BE ADEQUATE TO MEET NATO'S MOST URGENT REQUIREMENTS. HE AGREED TO DEFERRAL OF DPC ACTION ON THIS TIEM BUT REMINDED DPC THAT THE MINISTERIAL MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE IN THREE WEEKS AND THAT THE MINISTERS HAD IN DECEMBER 73 INVITED THE DPC TO SUBMIT A REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM TO THE MINISTERS IN THEIR JUNE 1974 MEETING.
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2. FYI: WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY ELDON SMITH (US CONTROLLER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF) THAT THE BENELUX, FRG AND THE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES ARE HOLDING RESTRICTED MEETINGS IN AN EFFORT TO AGREE ON AN INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM ON THE ORDER OF

IAU 450 MILLION, CONTAINING A SMALL REDUCTION IN THE US SHARE
AS WELL AS A SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR THE SUPPORT OF US QUOTE STATIONED
FORCES UNQUOTE. THE AIM IS TO GRADUALLY FOLD IN THE OTHER NATIONS
UNTIL THE UK IS ISOLATED. THE ALLIES HOPE THAT SUCH AN ACTION
WOULD HELP MOD UK TO FOCUS ON THE INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENT WITHIN
THEIR CURRENT STUDIES OR REORGANIZATION OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES.
WE ARE TOLD THAT THE ALLIES WILL ALSO BE LOBBYING WITH THE US
MISSION TO HOLD DOWN OUR REQUIREMENTS FOR A REDUCTION IN THE US
SHARE ALL THE WAY TO 20 PCT. WE ARE AWARE, HOWEVER, OF CONGRES-
SIONAL INTENT NOT TO CONTRIBUTE MORE THAN 20 PCT TO
INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS BEYOND SLICE XXV. WE WILL THEREFORE
MAINTAIN THE POSITION THAT SOME METHOD MUST BE FOUND TO
SATISFY THAT CONGRESSIONAL REQUIREMENT. END FYI.

3. ONLY OTHER INTERVENTION WAS BY PROTUGAL (NOGUEIRA)
STATING THAT CURRENT PORTUGUESE CONTRIBUTION COULD NOT REPEAT
NOT BE INCREASED.
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